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For: **Methods for Production and Purification of Nucleic Acid Molecules**
Inventors: Gruber *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4350002/RWE/AWL

Sir:

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2. Form PTO-1449 (4 pages) citing Twenty-Three (23) references;
3. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
4. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) citing One (1) reference;
5. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
6. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) citing One (1) reference;

7. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under
37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
8. Form PTO-1449 (3 pages) citing Eleven (11) references;
9. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under
37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
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11. Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under
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12. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) citing Two (2) references;
13. Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under
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14. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) citing One (1) reference;
15. Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under
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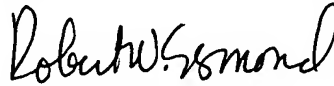
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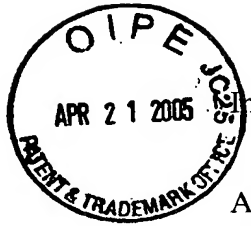
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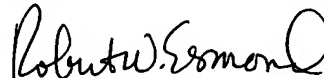
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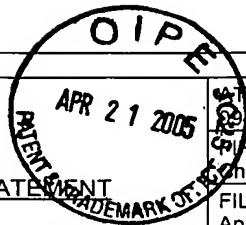
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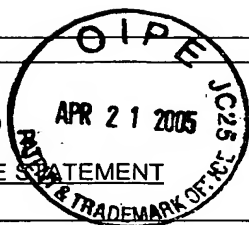
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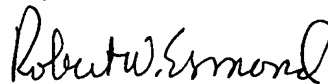
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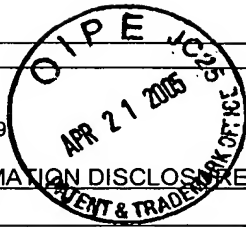
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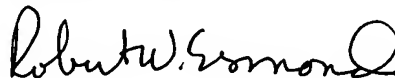
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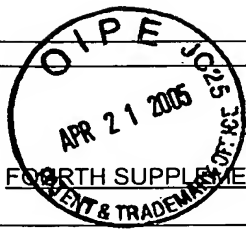
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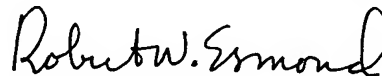
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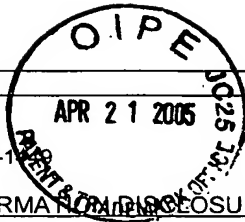
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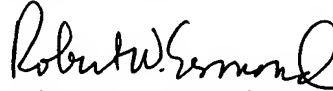
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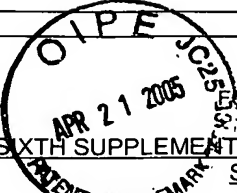
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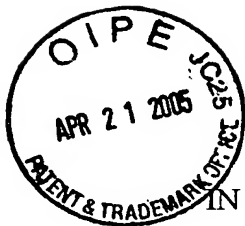
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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, which are directed to related technical subject matter:

U.S. Application No. 09/064,057, filed April 22, 1998; published on February 13, 2003 as 2003/0032086 A1 (Document **AF2**);

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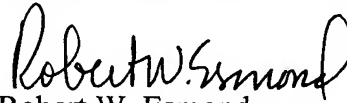
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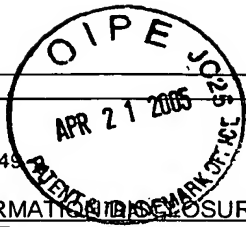
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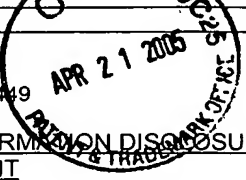
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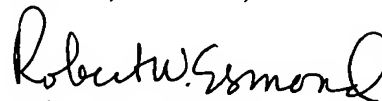
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